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FIBROSIS (CF) AND CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)

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May 13, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 13, 2003, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution in the above. Search and consideration of all the claimed subject matter is submitted, with due respect, to not present an undue burden on the Examiner. Specifically in this regard, the applicants note that the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I and II are classified in the same class and subclass. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

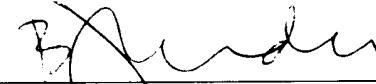
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